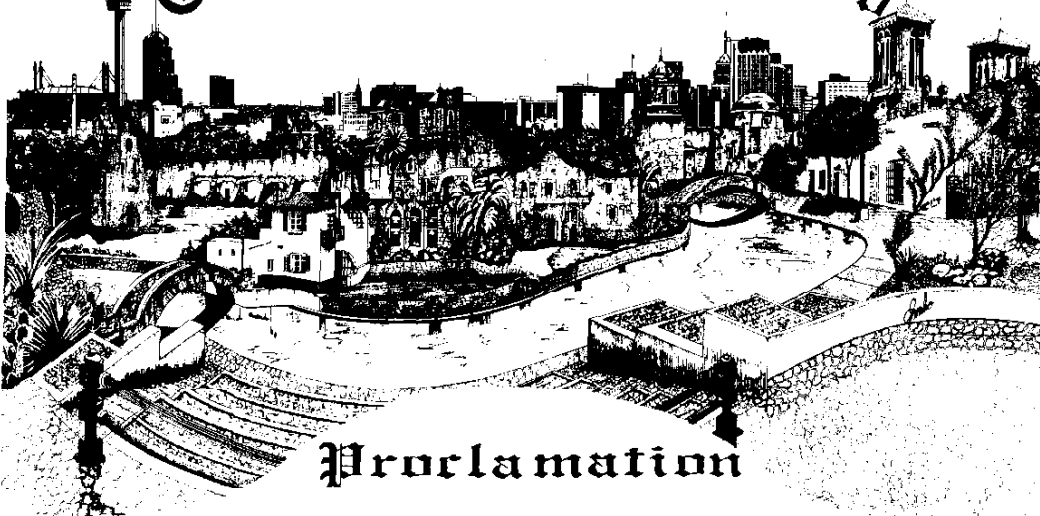


# City of San Antonio



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO JOINS BROOKS AIR FORCE BASE IN OBSERVING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS "AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH", AND

WHEREAS, THE YEAR'S THEME IS "THE SOULS OF BLACK FOLK: CENTENNIAL REFLECTIONS"; AND

WHEREAS, AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE CONTRIBUTED IMMEASURABLY TO THE STRENGTH AND CHARACTER OF OUR GREAT NATION; FOR GENERATIONS THEY HAVE HAD THE GREATNESS OF HEART AND SPIRIT TO LOVE THIS COUNTRY, GIVING OF THEMSELVES THROUGH THEIR LABOR, VOICES, VISION, AND BLOOD; AND

WHEREAS, IN EVERY FACET OF AMERICAN ENDEAVOR, AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND, IN TIMES OF WAR, HAVE COURAGEOUSLY FOUGHT AROUND THE WORLD TO PRESERVE OUR FREEDOM; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS, THEREFORE, FITTING THAT DURING THIS MONTH-LONG OBSERVANCE, WE PAUSE TO RECOGNIZE THE ROLE THAT AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE PLAYED IN OUR NATION'S STRUGGLE TO BECOME A MORE PERFECT UNION AND TO REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR ALL PEOPLE.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD D. GARZA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, IN RECOGNITION THEREOF, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY, 2003, TO BE

**"AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"**

IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BE AFFIXED THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 2003.



  
EDWARD D. GARZA  
MAYOR